

**Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee (LPAC)**  
**Member Biographies**  
**As of December 12, 2016**

**Government**

**Ms. Kristie Fiegen (G)**

Vice Chair  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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**Kristie Fiegen** is the vice chair of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, and has more than 5 years of regulatory experience in the energy sector. She serves on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Gas, their Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety, and is a member of the Southwest Power Pool's Regional State Committee. As a member of the Gas Technology Institute's (GTI) Public Interest Advisory Committee, Ms. Fiegen provides guidance related to the interests of the public and gas consumers.

Ms. Fiegen's public service career includes four terms in the South Dakota House of Representatives spanning from 1993 to 2001, during which time she served as the chair of the House Health and Human Services Committee. (Appointed 11/10/2016)

**Mr. Jeff Lantz, USCG Retired (G)**

Director  
Commercial Regulations and Standards  
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**Jeff Lantz** is the director of commercial regulations and standards for the U.S. Coast Guard's Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security, and Stewardship. His responsibilities include the development of U.S. National maritime safety and environmental protection regulations and policies, as well as overseeing U.S. initiatives in the development of international maritime safety, security, and environmental protection standards.

Mr. Lantz serves as the U.S. head of delegation to the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s Maritime Safety Committee, Marine Environment Protection Committee, and various sub-committees. As the head of delegation, he represents the U.S. position on numerous regulatory issues within the international commercial maritime industry, including piracy and maritime security, greenhouse gas emissions, human element, ballast water management, and passenger vessel safety. Mr. Lantz has also been elected and currently serves as the chairman for the IMO's Council, the organization's second-highest governing body.

Mr. Lantz retired from active duty with the Coast Guard in 2001 at the rank of captain after numerous assignments in marine safety, including serving as chief of the Office of Design and Engineering Standards and commanding officer of the Marine Safety Center. (Appointed 8/11/2016)

**Mr. Norman J. Saari (G)**

Commissioner  
Michigan Public Service Commission  
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**Norman Saari** has served as the commissioner of the Michigan Public Service Commission since August 2, 2015. He has more than 10 years of regulatory experience and, prior to his current appointment, served as the chief of staff for the Michigan House of Representatives under Speakers Cotter and Bolger.

Commissioner Saari is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and serves on its Committee on Natural Gas, Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues—Waste Disposal, Committee on Critical Infrastructure, and the Washington Action Program. He is also the board secretary of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference. (Appointed 11/10/2016)

**Mr. Brian Salerno, USCG Retired (G)**

Director  
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)  
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**Brian Salerno** is the director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) within the U.S. Department of the Interior. He is responsible for promoting safety, protecting the environment and conserving resources through vigorous regulatory oversight, and enforcement of offshore operations on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf. Prior to his appointment as bureau director, Mr. Salerno served as the U.S. Coast Guard's deputy commandant for operations, a position in which he was responsible for establishing and providing operational strategy, policy, guidance, and resources as needed to meet national priorities for U.S. Coast Guard missions, programs, and services. Previous Coast Guard assignments based in Washington, D.C., included serving as the assistant commandant for marine safety, security, and stewardship, working as the assistant commandant for policy and planning, and serving as the director of inspections and compliance.

Mr. Salerno was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Coast Guard in December 1976 after attending Officer Candidate School. Over the course of his 36-year active duty career Mr. Salerno attained the rank of vice admiral, serving predominantly within the U.S. Coast Guard's marine safety program. His field assignments included commanding units in Boston, MA, and San Juan, PR, in addition to other assignments in Baltimore, MD, Port Arthur, TX, Portland, ME, and as the marine safety adviser to the Panama Canal. (Appointed 4/21/2014)

**Mr. Massoud Tahamtani (G)**

Director  
Division of Utility and Railroad Safety  
Virginia State Corporation Commission  
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**Massoud Tahamtani** is the director of the Division of Utility and Railroad Safety for the Virginia State Corporation Commission. He manages the Commission's Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program, the Rail Safety Program, and the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Program.

Mr. Tahamtani is the former chair of the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR), a member of the NAPSR Grant Allocation Committee, and a former member of the NAPSR Legislative Committee. He served a term with the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee in 1997, represented the States on the Federal government's Damage Prevention Quality Action Team, and once again served States' interests on the Linking Team of the "Common Ground Study of One-Call Systems and Damage Prevention Best Practices" study. In 2005 he chaired the Excavation Damage Prevention Team set up by the Office of Pipeline Safety, the gas industry, and the States to conduct a study directed by Congress to improve the safety of gas distribution systems in the United States. He has served on the board of the Common Ground Alliance since 1997. (Appointed 11/26/2008)

## **Public**

### **Mr. David Barnett (P)**

Special Representative

United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters

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**David Barnett** is a full-time officer of the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters. He has been with the Association since January 1, 2012, works as the special representative in the Pipeline and Gas Distribution Department, and serves the pipeline industry at a National level.

Mr. Barnett has 30 years in the field as a pipefitter, has worked on 55 different projects in 29 States and overseas, and is self-nominated. Additionally, he has performed work on the right-of-ways for over 30 different pipeline transmission companies, including Northern Border, All American, Kem River, and Alliance. These jobs included work with various welding processes comprising stick rod, wire, and mechanized welding on pipe ranging in size from 2 inches to 48 inches in diameter. Mr. Barnett's field career included new construction, take-up and replacement, hydrostatic testing, smart pigging, horizontal directional drilling, and emergency repairs, including many stints as crew foreman. (Appointed 11/10/2016)

### **Mr. Lanny W. Armstrong (P)**

Fire Chief

City of Pasadena Fire Services Department

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**Lanny W. Armstrong** is the fire chief for the City of Pasadena Fire Services Department. He began his career in firefighting with the Houston Fire Department (HFD), achieving the rank of senior captain in a career spanning from 1978-2001. After retiring from HFD, he entered the private sector as the regional manager for Alert Disaster Control, an international emergency response and integrated risk management solution service company. During his time at Alert Disaster Control, Mr. Armstrong was responsible for the company's locations in the Americas, Western Europe, and Western Africa.

Mr. Armstrong was appointed as the fire chief of the Pasadena Fire Department in September 2006. The Pasadena Fire Department consists of 200 volunteers serving a population of approximately 150,000 citizens across an area of 52 square miles. It has more than 40 pieces of apparatus operating

from 9 fire stations located throughout the city, and is the largest single municipal volunteer fire department in the United States. (Appointed 8/5/2011)

**Mr. Richard B. Kuprewicz (P)**

President  
Accufacts Inc.  
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**Richard B. Kuprewicz** is the president of Accufacts, Inc. He has more than 40 years of experience in the energy industry, including gas and liquid pipeline operation, design, siting, engineering, regulatory compliance, emergency response, safety, and risk management. Mr. Kuprewicz is a certified safety management engineer with a special focus on proper design and operation in areas of unique population density or of an environmentally sensitive nature. He has developed and performed safety and risk management and assessment analysis for various clients representing chemical plants, liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities, refineries, and pipelines. He also served for years as a member of the Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety. (Reappointed 11/19/2007)

**Mr. Charles Lesniak, III (P)**

Environmental Officer  
City of Austin Watershed Protection Department  
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**Charles (Chuck) Lesniak, III** is the environmental officer for the City of Austin, Texas. Mr. Lesniak was appointed to this position by the Austin city manager, and is responsible for ensuring that environmental protection is given the highest priority in both public and private development. His most recent experience relevant to transmission pipelines was a review of the National Environmental Protection Act assessment of the Longhorn pipeline conversion.

Mr. Lesniak first addressed local pipeline topics in 1999, when he worked on Austin's environmental and safety concerns related to the Longhorn Pipeline; he has since worked with Kinder Morgan, Magellan, and other pipeline operators on the local level. He worked in a variety of environmental positions with the City of Austin prior to his appointment as the environmental officer, including hazardous spills and complaints investigation, large remediation project management, regulation and policy development, expert witness in various city legal issues, evaluation of environmental threats from hazardous liquids transmission pipelines and large municipal landfills, and Endangered Species Act compliance. Mr. Lesniak represented the National League of Cities on the Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aquatic Biology from the University of Texas at Austin. (Appointed 9/13/2012)

**Mr. Carl M. Weimer (P)**

Executive Director  
Pipeline Safety Trust  
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**Carl M. Weimer** is the executive director of the National Pipeline Safety Trust. He also serves on the Governor-appointed Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, the steering

committee for the Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance, and the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association's External Advisory Panel. Mr. Weimer has been called as a witness by the National Transportation Safety Board on pipeline safety issues, has testified multiple times before the U.S. House and Senate, and regularly serves as an independent source of pipeline safety information for news media, local government, and citizens around the country.

Mr. Weimer has organized 9 national pipeline safety conferences, pushed for stronger pipeline safety legislation on the State and National level, and runs the National Safe Pipelines and LNG Safety listservs that include over 900 people. Mr. Weimer was elected in 2005, 2009, and again in 2013 to the Whatcom County Council, where he currently serves as chairman. He has a degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Education from the University of Michigan, as well a degree in Industrial Electronics Technology from Peninsula College. (Reappointed 11/19/2007)

## **Industry**

### **Mr. C. Todd Denton (I)**

President

Phillips 66 Pipeline, LLC

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**C. Todd Denton** is the president of Phillips 66 Pipeline, LLC, where he is responsible for the operation of a 140,000 barrels per day (bpd) natural gas pipeline (NGL) Fractionator, 14 crude oil terminals, and approximately 11,000 miles of crude oil, refined products, and NGLs. Prior to working for Phillips 66 he served as vice president of pipeline and terminal operations for NuStar Energy, where he was responsible for domestic pipelines and independent terminal operations. Mr. Denton began his career as a project engineer for Diamond Shamrock, later moving into engineering management positions with Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corporation (UDS) Pipeline and Valero, LP. He has 24 years of experience in the industry, with 8 years of experience specific to operations management. Mr. Denton is on the Board of Directors of the Association of Oil Pipelines, and is Phillips 66 Pipeline's principal representative to the American Petroleum Institute. (Appointed 3/4/2010)

### **Mr. Timothy C. Felt (I)**

President and CEO

Colonial Pipeline Company

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**Timothy C. Felt** is the president and chief executive officer for Colonial Pipeline Company in Alpharetta, Georgia, a role in which he oversees the operation of the world's largest refined products common carrier pipeline system. Prior to assuming this position, Mr. Felt served as the president and chief executive officer of the Explorer Pipeline Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and as vice president of the Mobil Pipe Line Company in Dallas, Texas (where his responsibilities included serving as the president of Wolverine Pipeline Company, Collins Pipeline Company, and T&M Terminal Company). He is a former director on the board for the International Foundation of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) Foundation, a member of the board of the American Petroleum Institute (API), and the former chair of the API Pipeline Committee. Mr. Felt is also a member of the

Association of Oil Pipelines, the Common Ground Alliance, and the National Petroleum Council (NACE) Foundation. (Appointed 9/13/2012)

**Ms. Michele F. Joy (I)**

Vice President

Major Projects & Regulatory

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**Michele F. Joy** is the vice president of major projects and regulatory programs at Shell Pipeline Company, L.P. She is currently responsible for delivering major new onshore and offshore pipeline projects, including the recently announced Ho-Ho reversal and the Westward Ho pipeline between Texas and Louisiana, as well as the ongoing construction of offshore extensions to the Mars and Amberjack pipeline systems. Ms. Joy also serves on the Shell Pipeline Leadership Team, which focuses on personal and process safety improvements. She has been with Shell Pipeline since 2006, where she has also worked as the manager of joint interest pipelines and the general manager for business development.

Prior to joining Shell, Ms. Joy served as the general counsel for the Association of Oil Pipe Lines from 1991 to 2006. In that role she was heavily involved in the joint work of industry and regulators to improve pipeline safety (especially pipeline integrity/eliminating outside force damage) and to simplify economic regulation at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Ms. Joy also worked for 5 years as an adjunct professor at Northwestern University's Transportation Institute, and spent 8 years in private practice with a focus on gas and electric regulation and international law. (Appointed 12/20/2013)

**Mr. Ron G. McClain (I)**

President

Products Pipelines

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**Ronald G. McClain** is the president for Kinder Morgan Energy Partners Products Pipelines. His responsibilities include operations for 9,000 miles of refined products pipelines, business development, engineering and pipeline design, integrity management, new construction, and environmental health and safety.

Prior to accepting this position, Mr. McClain served as vice president of engineering and operations for Kinder Morgan's natural gas pipelines. Mr. McClain has 39 years of experience in pipeline operations and engineering with Kinder Morgan and predecessor companies, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Aurora University.

In addition to commitments within Kinder Morgan, Mr. McClain represents the oil pipeline stakeholder group as vice chairman for the Common Ground Alliance Board of Directors, and is on the Board of Directors for the Association of Oil Pipelines. Currently Mr. McClain chairs a committee developing the API RP 1173 Pipeline Safety Management Systems. (Appointed 1/18/2013)

**Mr. Craig O. Pierson (I)**

President

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**Craig O. Pierson** is the president of Marathon Pipe Line Company. He joined Marathon Pipe Line Company in June 1978 as a pipeline engineer after graduating from Ohio Northern University with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He moved to Findlay, Ohio, as an internal control auditor for Marathon Oil Company, then to a number of pipeline engineering and pipeline operations positions in Wyoming, Alaska, West Texas, and Houston. In 1989, he rejoined Marathon Oil Company to help develop a gas pipeline project in Syria. In 1991, Mr. Pierson was named manager of engineering and construction services with responsibilities in the retail marketing sector.

Mr. Pierson went on to hold operations manager positions for Marathon Pipe Line in Casper, Wyoming, and Martinsville, Illinois, until he joined Marathon Oil Company's upstream development project on Sakhalin Island, Russia, in 1997. In 1999 he was named as the facilities design manager for the Phase 2 development of the Sakhalin Project, which included offshore and onshore production facilities and pipeline, as well as the oil export terminal. In 2000 Mr. Pierson returned to operations manager positions for Marathon Ashland Pipe Line, LLC, where he was responsible for Gulf Coast operations and the commissioning and start-up of Centennial Pipeline. In January 2005 he was named vice president of operations for Marathon Pipe Line, LLC.

In May 2011, Mr. Pierson assumed his current position as president of Marathon Pipe Line Company, and was named to his current role with MPLX, LP (a diversified, growth-oriented master limited partnership formed in 2012 by Marathon Petroleum), in June 2012. (Appointed 11/19/2007)